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SUBJ: UPPER VOLTA FONMIN CONOMBO ON KOREA AND
GUINEA-BISSAU

1. DURING CALL ON FONMIN CONOMBO OCTOBER 2 IN NEW YORK ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM NOTED THAT DEPT HAD ALREADY REQUESTED MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FOR PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AS SPOKESMAN FOR SAHELIAN STATES. NEWSOM NOTED THAT APPOINTMENT HAD BEEN REQUESTED FOR OCTOBER 12 OR 15, AND STATED THAT IF APPOINTMENT BECOMES FIRM USG WOULD SEEK TO ARRANGE PLANE TO FLY PRESIDENT LAMIZANA FROM NY TO WASHINGTON. CONOMBO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR DEPT'S EFFORTS, AND STATED THAT DATES WERE SATISFACTORY. REGARDING POSSIBILITY THAT FONMINS OF OTHER SAHELIAN STATES WOULD ACCOMPANY LAMIZANA, CONOMBO SUGGESTED THAT THIS MATTER BE LEFT OPEN FOR TIME BEING.

2. IN RESPONSE NEWSOM'S QUERIES, CONOMBO EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH USG AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS IN DROUGHT RELIEF TO UPPER VOLTA. HE WAS ALSO
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GRATIFIED AT WORLD BANK LOAN TO SAHELIAN COUNTRIES TO

COMBAT RIVER BLINDNESS, SINCE THIS EFFORT PROMISED LONG TERM BENEFITS IN OPENING UP NEW LAND FOR CULTIVATION.

3. SEC NEWSOM INQUIRED REGARDING UPPER VOLTA'S POSITION ON KOREAN RESOLUTIONS BEFORE UN. CONOMBO RESPONDED THAT, IN LINE WITH HIS RECENT STATEMENTS DURING UNGA GENERAL DEBATE, UPPER VOLTA FAVORED WITHDRAWING US TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA, BUT NEVERTHELESS SUPPORTED MAINTENANCE OF UN PRESENCE IN KOREA. AS FOR ENTRY OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA INTO UN, HE FELT THIS WAS MATTER FOR KOREANS THEMSELVES TO DECIDE. SEC NEWSOM ARGUED STRONGLY FOR US RESOLUTION, BUT CONOMBO GAVE NO SPECIFIC INDICATION OF HOW UPPER VOLTA WOULD VOTE ON EITHER OF KOREAN RESOLUTIONS.

4. AT END OF LONG AND FRIENDLY MEETING, CONOMBO ASKED WHAT USG POSITION WAS ON GUINEA-BISSAU. SEC NEWSOM RESPONDED THAT US POSITION WAS VERY CLEAR, IF NOT TOTALLY ACCEPTABLE TO AFRICANS. US CONSIDERED IT GREAT MISTAKE TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU REGIME UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. OUR POSITION HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN, THROUGHOUT AFRICAN DECOLONIZATION PROCESS, THAT WE EXTEND RECOGNITION ON BASIS OF AGREEMENT OR ACCORD BETWEEN NEW REGIME AND FORMER COLONIAL POWER. BEST EXAMPLE IN PAST WAS OUR POSITION TOWARD ALGERIAN FLN, WHICH WE RECOGNIZED AS ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT ONLY AFTER EVIAN ACCORDS. TO TAKE CONTRARY POSITION COULD ESTABLISH DANGEROUS PRECEDENT FOR UN AND EVEN FOR AFRICAN STATES WHICH COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN IMMEDIATE POLITICAL BENEFITS FROM RECOGNITION. AS FOR GUINEA-BISSAU ITSELF, HOW, FOR EXAMPLE, COULD AFRICAN STATES VERIFY STATEMENTS OF PROVISIONAL "REGIME" THAT IT CONTROLLED TERRITORY, EXISTED IN A CAPITAL CITY, OR WAS IN ANY POSITION TO CARRY OUT FUNCTIONS OF A GOVERNMENT? AT VERY LEAST MATTER SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED BEFORE ANY DECISION TAKEN, AND RECOGNITION AT THIS TIME AT LEAST PREMATURE.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT THIS LINE OF ARGUMENT AT LEAST CAUSED CONOMBO TO REFLECT ON UPPER VOLTAN POSITION. HE AGREED THAT NOT EVEN AFRICAN

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